

MINUTES
Community Justice Council
Executive Committee

Meeting of:

Wednesday January 15, 2014

12:15pm

Location: Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 609

PRESENT: US Attorney James Santelle, Chief Judge Jeffrey Kremers, Public Policy Forum President Rob Henken, District Attorney John Chisholm, First Assistant Public Defender Tom Reed, Director of the Homicide Review Commission Mallory O'Brien, Director of Health and Human Services Héctor Colón, HOC Superintendent Mike Hafemann, Fiscal and Management Analyst Veronica Rudychev, MCSO Inspector Richard Schmidt, Department of Corrections Regional Chief Niel Thoreson, CJC Coordinator Nate Holton, and CJC Community Liaison Carmella DeLucia

I. Convene and Updates (*John Chisholm*)

II. National Institute of Justice 'Sentinel Event'

- The 'Sentinel Event' Review Pilot Project is a possible opportunity for decision-makers to look at our system in a learn-from-error approach which looks at a particular issue that signals a possible weakness in the system. District Attorney John Chisholm informed the group that the NIJ has an interest in looking at Milwaukee as they follow the NIJ Sentinel Event process. He believes that there is enough infrastructure in place to look more closely at areas of improvement and added that this review process is consistent with Jim Santelle's Police Community Relations Entity.
- Tom Reed suggested that this effort would allow us to look into the patterns of events. Early Interventions is looking at issues case by case, but this would allow us to track on a larger scale the events that are repeatedly affecting our System in multiple facets. These events need attention so that we can learn from their occurrence as to when and why they are happening so we can provide better outcomes for people in contact with our System.
- Kremers explained that a suggested event to review was wrongful release; this would require the group to set up the framework and wait for an event to happen that fits the criteria. Once an event happens that fits the criteria, we can start processing and reviewing the event for where the errors took place and how we can prevent them from occurring again. Kit Murphy McNally added that this NIJ Event asks for the event and a brief summary of what happened.
- Kremer's suggested that the group follow up with the NIJ for more information.

III. Wisconsin Evidence Based Decision Making (EBDM) Summit January 28-29th (*Kremers*)

- Kremers updated the Council that as of yesterday the registered number of teams was 23, with most of those teams from counties in WI. The point of the summit is to give people a recap of what is going on with EBDM efforts around the country and prepare for the next cycle.

IV. Update on Central Liaison Unit (*Jeff Kremers*)

- Kremers updated the group on the Central Liaison Unit (CLU) which is part of the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) grant. Through this grant the Council has identified four areas of improvement which have resulted in creating the Praxis Template, the Dosage Probation Unit in the DOC which tests the notion of how we do sentencing and how we structure their requirements, the Mental Health initiatives which looks into how we are treating mentally ill offenders, and Early Interventions which looks at cases as early as possible. Early Interventions also provides eligibility for Deferred Prosecution Agreements (DPA's) were those eligible through the DA's office receive a reduced charge or dismissal based on his/her needs. This agreement can run 6 months to a year if he/she meets all the requirements.
- JusticePoint applied and received a \$300,000 dollar grant for the Community Liaison Unit (CLU) which would staff a coordinator and three other individuals. The CLU would work on monitoring people from TAD program referrals, another 90 under the Grant, individuals from DTC, and Veteran's court in a one year pilot program. All trainings for the CLU which will be provided through a contractor from Mimi's office should be done by the middle of February.

V. Adjourn

CJC Strategic Planning

February 21, 2014

Location: 633 W. Wisconsin Ave, 4th Floor Conference Room

Time: 1-5:00pm

Next meeting is March 19th, 2014 at 12:15pm at the Courthouse Room 609

Location: Milwaukee County Courthouse Room 609

Time: 12:15-1:45pm

Note: EC Meeting in February is cancelled due to strategic planning